



Dear Ms. Mills,

I am typing this letter in reference to the case of Jordan Johnson. Jordan was referred to Men Building Men by Libby Mills and Restorative Justice because he vandalized an abandoned house. At the initial meeting, with Jordan, and his parents it was made clear he needed to become involved with Men Building Men. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson describe Jordan as a respectable young man who became involved with the wrong crowd. After spending time individually with Jordan, his parents were indeed correct. I found Jordan to be very well mannered and respectful. He appeared remorseful for what he had done and vowed never to be in trouble with the law again. However Jordan had been struggling with his school work because of his love for video games. Men Building Men agreed to visit Jordan and his family once a week. This was going to continue for a period of two months. If he showed improvement, visits were going to continue but were going to be regulated to once every two weeks.

When Jordan was referred to Men Building Men he had a cumulative Grade Point Average of 1.6 and needed help focusing on his school work. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Jordan and I sat down and came up with a plan not only to improve Jordan's GPA, but also to help manage his time to where he can finish his homework, chores and still have enough time to enjoy his friends and video games. As the year progressed Jordan continued to follow the time management plan we had set before him. His grades showed steady improvement, he was able to finish his homework, chores and was even helping his parents and grandmother around the home. Jordan's dad had informed me that he was getting along better with his teaches in school since our initial visit. At the end of the school year Jordan's GPA had risen from a 1.16 to a 3.16. Jordan was on the Academic Honor Roll for the entire second semester.

In all my years of dealing with young people, I have NEVER seen as dramatic an academic improvement as I have seen with Jordan. After speaking with Jordan's parents, they are very grateful to the Restorative Justice Program for giving him another chance and the opportunity to make amends for the mistake he had made. Jordan and his parents are also interested in continuing his relationship with Men Building Men and for that Men Building Men owes a debt of gratitude to the Restorative Justice Program and its director Libby Mills.

In closing, we at Men Building Men would like to recommend the case of Jordan Johnson to be closed. Jordan has exceeded all expectations required of Men Building Men.

Respectfully submitted,

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